elected Members on this side. I am glad you made your remarks about this.

Appointment of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

112. Mr. A. B. Salem.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have obtained the sanction of the Government of India for employing the present Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer in the State's services; if so, how many years of his services were asked for by the Cochin Government in the requisition applied for;

(2) will the Government be further pleased to state how many officers in the Medical Department have their promotions barred by the drafting into and retention in, service of the present Chief Medical Officer?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) Government cannot divulge the contents of the correspondence with the Paramount Power.

(2) None.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The answer is 'Government cannot divulge the contacts of the correspondence with the Paramount Power.' I only asked whether sanction has been obtained.

President.—It is all contained in the correspondence.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I do not want the correspondence.

President.—If we are to answer, we will have to disclose the correspondence.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—In the last published order, it is stated that the Paramount Power has allowed to extend his period for two years from 1926. Is that the full time allowed? Further extensions have not been published. I have not seen anything published. In the Diwan's Proceedings published, it is stated that he is to be given Rs. 20 every year as pension. All these terms have been published in the Proceedings.

President.—Further extension not published?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—No.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I do not know whether it is published or not.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—If it is published, Government ought to know.

In the case of pensioned officers, they could not be kept in service by any other Government without the permission of the pension—giving party. That is the rule. When it is published for two years, why has it been abandoned? Why any further extension is not published or whether it is under correspondence with the Paramount Power? May I know why it is not published?

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President.—It is not under correspondence with the Paramount Power.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The Director's extension too has not been published.

President.—Why are these not published?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—As Protector only it is published, in the case of the Director.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Extensions are not published.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—How can we know if they are not published? Is it that we should put questions and get answers and thus come to know of it? Further I see them functioning in the Hall.

President.—Why is it not done?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—The practice was that it never was published except in one or two cases.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I may say for the information of the House that extension in British service is not published.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—We do not want to know what is being done elsewhere.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Am I to understand that it is not published in the Fort St. George Gazette or in any local Gazettes?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No, no.

President.—We will look into the matter.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—There extension is not so free as it is here.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—They ask people to retire when they come to the age of 55; they do not keep people till 64.

President.—Now they are very strict in the matter of extensions. We want to know whether, at the time when extensions were granted, they used to be published. We will look into the matter.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The Chief Medical Officer says that they do not publish extensions. He knows better for he was in the service for a long time, and I have complete belief in him.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I have been in the Government service and my period was extended twice

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I think at least *the Civil List* must contain the extension.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—*The Civil List* contains only the name and the period of service. Nothing of extension.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The Doctor says that it is not published, and I take his word for it.

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